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Sent: 2/1/2012 3:11:39 PM  
  
To: "Roy Seneca" <Seneca.Roy@epamail.epa.gov>  
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Subject: Re: Response to your media inquiry about EPA sampling in Dimock

Thank you very much!

We appreciate it.

Larry Souder

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On 2/1/2012 12:49 PM, [Seneca.Roy@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Seneca.Roy@epamail.epa.gov) wrote: Larry:

Attached is EPA's response to a letter dated Jan. 26, 2012 from Cabot's CEO and Chairman Dan Dinges regarding the basis of EPA's involvement in the study of water quality in Dimock. Our response addresses concerns raised by Cabot in that letter. We are reviewing the company's latest statements and will respond accordingly. - Roy

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From: Larry Souder <Larry@wpel.org>

To: Roy Seneca/R3/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 01/31/2012 04:01 PM

Subject: Re: Response to your media inquiry about EPA sampling in Dimock

Thank you!

Please contact us with any updates. Cabot has sent us another release saying it disagrees with the EPA's decision to conduct an investigation in Dimock.

Larry Souder

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On 1/31/2012 3:42 PM, [Seneca.Roy@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Seneca.Roy@epamail.epa.gov) wrote:

Larry -- Terri White asked me to get back to you with a general update on EPA sampling in Dimock.

Here is the latest information. I have also attached our Jan. 19 news release that provides general background information.

EPA is the Dimock community hoping to sample 66 homes. Sampling will continue for two to three more weeks. EPA also continues to provide water to four homes. Our priority is the health of the people in the community, and we are conducting monitoring as a prudent step to both investigate residents' concerns and determine the need for further action based on sound science.

**EPA to Begin Sampling Water at Some Residences in Dimock, Pa.**

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PHILADELPHIA (Jan. 19, 2012) – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced today that it plans to perform water sampling at approximately 60 homes in the Carter Road/Meshoppen Creek Road area of Dimock, Pa. to further assess whether any residents are being exposed to hazardous substances that cause health concerns. EPA's decision to conduct sampling is based on EPA's review of data provided by residents, Cabot Oil and Gas, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

"EPA is working diligently to understand the situation in Dimock and address residents' concerns," said EPA Regional Administrator Shawn M. Garvin. "We believe that the information provided to us by the residents deserves further review, and conducting our own sampling will help us fill information gaps. Our actions will be based on the science and the law and we will work to help get a more complete picture of water quality for these homes in Dimock."

The sampling will begin in a matter of days and the agency estimates that it will take at least three weeks to sample all the homes. All sampling is contingent on access granted to the property. EPA expects validated results from quality-tested lab to be available in about five weeks after samples are taken.

In addition, EPA is taking action to ensure delivery of temporary water supplies to four homes where data reviewed by EPA indicates that residents' well water contains levels of contaminants that pose a health concern. EPA will reevaluate this decision when it completes sampling of the wells at these four homes. Current information on other wells does not support the need for alternative water at this time. However, the information does support the need for further sampling.

Natural gas plays a key role in our nation's clean energy future and the Obama Administration is committed to ensuring that the development of this vital resource occurs safely and responsibly. At the direction of Congress, and separate from this limited sampling, EPA has begun a national study on the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water resources.

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